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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH NEW PORTUGESE PERMREP/

UNESCO MARIA DE LOURDES PINTASILGO.

1. PORTUGESE AMBASSADOR UNESCO, MARIA DE LOURDES  
PINTASILGO PAID CALL ON PERMREP TODAY. SHE WAS IN-  
TERESTED IN BEING BROUGHT UP-TO-DATE ON CURRENT US SIT-  
UATION VIS-A-VIS UNESCO. PERMREP EXPLAINED PRESENT  
STATUS US ARREARAGES AND FACT THAT NO FUNDS FOR UNESCO  
ARE INCLUDED IN PROPOSED FY 77 BUDGET. WE ALSO INFOR-  
MED HER OF RECENT MOVES IN SENATE TO PAY '74 ARREARAGES  
3.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN ORDER TO SAVE US VOTE AT GENERAL  
CONFERENCE.

2. MRS. PINTASILGO EXPRESSED THANKS FOR BEING BROUGHT  
UP-TO-DATE. SHE ALSO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR WARNINGS  
WE CONVEYED TO HER IN ADVANCE OF THE DECEMBER UNESCO  
CONFERENCE ON MASS MEDIA WHICH RESULTED IN PASSAGE OF  
THE ZIONIST RESOLUTIONS. SHE SAID OUR ADVANCE WORD OF  
CAUTION TO HER RESULTED IN THE DECISION OF PORTUGAL NOT  
TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND SO AVOIDED THEIR BEING CAUGHT  
IN THE MIDDLE WHEN THE ZIONIST ISSUE CAME UP. MRS.  
PINTASILGO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE CLOSE  
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PERSONAL CONTACT WITH US DEL IN ORDER TO BE KEPT

AWARE OF POSSIBLE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS.

3. AFTER DISCUSSING UNESCO AMB. PINTASILGO THEN LAUNCHED INTO A RATHER SPONTANEOUS DISCUSSION OF INTERNAL PORTUGESE AFFAIRS. SHE EXPRESSED GREAT ADMIRATION FOR AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI AND STATED SHE MUCH APPRECIATED THE LUNCH SHE HAD WITH HIM IN JANUARY.

4. ON FOREIGN RELATIONS MATTERS AMB. PINTASILGO STATED THAT PORTUGAL WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. SHE SAID BRAZIL WOULD HAVE INFLUENCE AND CLOSE CONTACT WITH ANGOLA, BUT THAT BRAZIL WOULD NOT BE WELCOMED IN MOZAMBIQUE. SHE SAID PORTUGAL DID NOT FEEL AT HOME WITH THE NON-ALIGNED AND THAT THE WESTERN EUROPEANS WERE "TOO STUFFY" AND STRAIGHT-LACED FOR PORTUGESE TASTE. SHE SAID THAT SHE FELT MUCH MORE AT HOME WITH AMERICANS.

5. AMB. PINTASILGO ALSO DISCUSSED HER VIEWS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN PORTUGAL. SHE SAID, FOR HER PART, SHE FIRMLY BELIEVES IT IS BETTER FOR THE COMMUNISTS TO BE IN THE GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN OUTSIDE. THEY CAN BE WATCHED, SHE SAID, AND CAN BE DENIED THE ROLE OF SPOILER AND CRITIC. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT SHE WOULD EXPECT COMMUNISTS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND MENTIONED THE SOCIAL AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO AS A POSSIBILITY. SHE SAID THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NOW REALIZED THE VALUE OF THIS POST AS IT CONTROLS SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS. AMB. PINTASILGO ALSO MENTIONED YOUTH AND SPORTS AS BEING OF INTEREST TO THE COMMUNISTS.

6. PERMREP MAKES NO EFFORT TO EVALUATE THE AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENTS, BUT SHE SPOKE WITH CANDOR AND SINCERITY.

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